

# **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

## Public Health Modernization Funding Workgroup Minutes

**August 28, 2023, 3:00-4:30 PM**

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Meeting objectives:

- Final approval of CBO work plan template.
- Discuss expectations for LPHA work with CBOs and any changes needed to LPHA work plan templates.
- Discuss next meeting agenda.

### **Welcome, introductions & agenda review**

- Ice breaker: What is your favorite fruit?

### **Group agreements**

- Reviewed group agreements

### **Update on work to date**

- Summary of CBO/LPHA program changes made to date
  - Updated LPHA & CBO contract boilerplate to better describe CBO & LPHA partnership (complete – language drafted by CBO/LPHA workgroup)
  - Agreement on equitable funding strategies & benchmarks for CBO funding

- Exploring pilot CBO funding passed through LPHAs, where CBO indicated this to be a preference and the LPHA agrees to take on the work
- After this meeting: incorporate feedback into CBO workplan and budget template, & RFGA
  - New work plan & budget template will also apply to continuing CBOs in addition to any new CBOs

## **8/18/23 CBO Funding Workgroup – Equitable CBO Funding recommendations**

- PHAB Public Health Modernization funding workgroup agrees to the following approaches to ensure equitable distribution of public health modernization funds for CBOs through the new 2023 – 2025 request for grant application
  - Use LPHA Public Health Modernization fund formula as a guide to inform equitable distribution of CBO regional & county funding
  - Suggest a minimum biennial base funding level for CBOs so that CBOs can build staffing and infrastructure. Also establish a cap on CBO award amount
  - Expand the list of underserved priority counties for the 2023 CBO RFGA, considering both number of CBOs operating in the county and per capita investments. Ensure CBOs are funded to provide services in every county, excluding statewide CBOs
  - Begin with prioritizing CBOs that are serving locally for selection, based on the definition of local included in the RFGA. This does not preclude funding for regional or statewide CBOs overall

## **Strengthening CBO RFGA and Work plan**

- RFGA Draft application (changes made)
  - Added definition of “Local”
  - Added definition of “Regional”
  - Added if CBO does not have staff person local to define the current working relationship and knowledge of the county

- Discussion of adding an open dialogue box on RFGA form to explain situation if staff not local
- Suggestion to add definition of LPHA
- Suggestion to add acronym list
- Suggestion to add a list of LPHAs & contact info
- Suggestion of tools to help CBOs
  - Suggestion of Unite Us community information exchange platform as a way to connect LPHA & CBOs
- Removed Environmental Public Health
  - Change climate change to climate adaptation
  - Removed tobacco as an option to request funding as that is no longer available
- Removed overdose and added support distribution of sensitive goods and services during an emerging event
- Discussed questions added to RFGA and provided input on whether to include
  - What gap are you filling in this/these communities? How do you know this is a gap? What will you do to ensure the public health system is aligned and is not duplicating working?
  - How does your work contribute to a modernization public health system?
- Add a section for a letter of support for CBOs to submit from 2 local organizations who they will work with to deliver services.
  - Suggestion of a template to help CBOs that have never done this.
    - Form will be included with RFGA
  - Suggestion to require LPHA be one of the letter of support. Agreed to include as a recommendation but not a requirement

## **Public Comment**

- Sarah Lochner – Want to flag the cultural piece that one Latino community is different than another one from another county.
- Dr. Jim Gaudino – Congratulations on hard work. Really encourage continued use of data and evaluation to collaborate with partners. Needs to be standardized. Doesn't agree with requiring letters of

support but agrees that relationships with partners are needed for collaboration.

### **Next Meeting agenda**

**Next meeting September 13 at 9:00 am**